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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

After amendment, claims 1-66 are pending. Claims 24, 25, and 47-66 have been withdrawn. Claim 18 has been amended to clarify the language of the claim.

Restriction

The Examiner required election of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-46, drawn to a first process for devitalizing soft tissue, classified in class 435, subclass 380.
- II. Claims 47-59, drawn to a devitalized soft tissue graft, classified in class 424, subclass 422.
- III. Claims 60-66, drawn to a second process for devitalizing soft tissue, classified in class 435, subclass 378.

Applicant elects group I, which includes claims 1-46. The Examiner also required that one species from claims 8; 19 & 24; 21; 22; 28; and 51-55 also be elected.

Applicant elects the species of claim 8 directed to BENZONASE®.

Applicant elects the species of claims 19 & 24 directed to chlorine dioxide.

Applicant elects the species of claim 21 directed to glycerol.

Applicant elects the species of claim 28 directed to N-lauroyl sarcosinate.

Applicant elects the species of claim 22 directed to a water replacement agent (e.g., glycerol).

Applicant's election of a species from claims 51-55 is moot, as group I is directed only to claims 1-46.

Consequently claims 24, 25, and 47-66 stand withdrawn according to the Examiner's requirement. The elections read on claims 1-23 and 26-46.

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The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1881 (95176562-003002).

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